

Village Council
February 1, 2010
6:30 PM
Minutes
Public Hearing

Call to Order: Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call: John Bender, Rick Deeds, Steve Donahue, Bobbie Mershon, Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry, Leah Turner, James Wynkoop

Purpose of the Public Hearing: To hear public comments on the appeal filed by Guernsey Bank of the Landmarks Commission decision on Application CA-09-22 for a demolition permit for 45 East Waterloo Street.

The Landmarks Commission at their December 28, 2009 hearing denied the application to demolish the existing structures.

Presentation to Council:

Staff Report: Allan Neimayer showed the sequence of events in the council packets. This property involves several lots. There are set procedures for demolition of properties under the Landmarks Commission jurisdiction and those were given to Council members in the Council packets. Mr. Neimayer stated that all of the required documents were not available at the first Landmarks meeting, so the issue was tabled at that time in November 2009. Mr. Neimayer walked through the paperwork in the packets; including photographs and recommendations. Dr. Bender asked Mr. Neimayer what his opinion was and he stated that he believed the demolition should be approved. There is no plan for re-development, but it is bank owned and is currently an eye-sore. This would be a step toward cleaning it up.

Mrs. Turner asked about the view after the demolition. Mr. Neimayer stated that landscaping could be a condition of the approval of the demolition to improve the look of the rear of the buildings. Further discussion ensued.

Landmarks Commission: Tony Note stated that Landmarks main point of contention was that Guernsey Bank did not have architectural plans for the re-building of the site; though it is obvious that they wouldn't since they aren't a developer. The Bank is in the position where they need to market the property and if done so correctly, it would benefit the Village of Canal Winchester. At the January meeting, a list of conditions was created in the case that demolition was approved and they believe that they should be part of the approval, should it be granted.

Property Owners: A representative of Guernsey Bank was not in attendance.

(Five Minute Limit per Person)

Motion carried. Time out 7:00pm